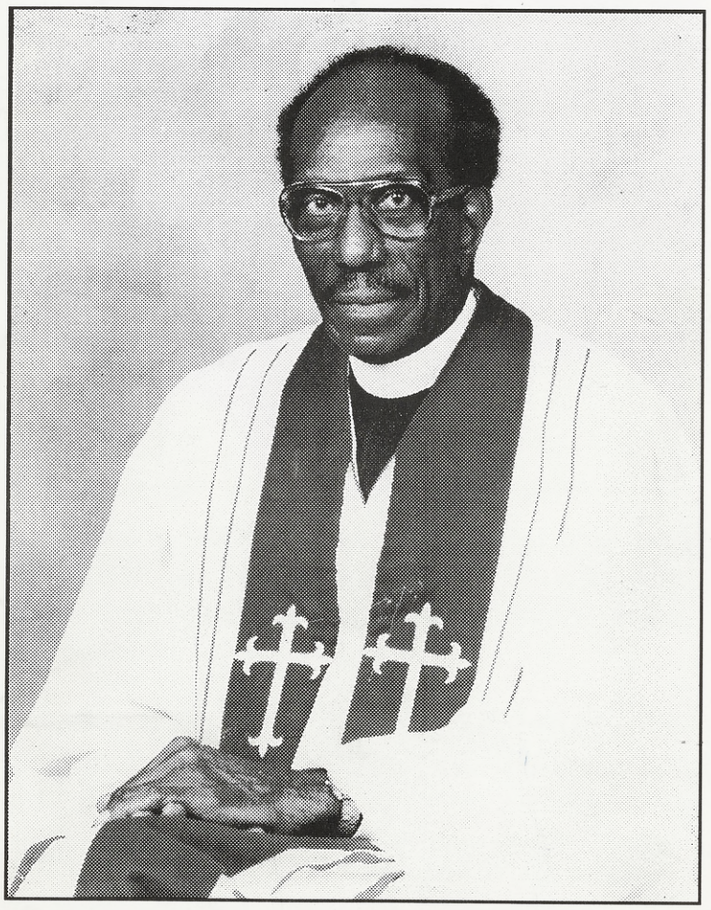
HOME GOING CELEBRATION
FOR

Superintendent Floyd Wesley Cotton



Sunrise
September 28, 1908

Sunset
April 28,2000

Tribute

Obituary/Order Of Service

Precious Memories

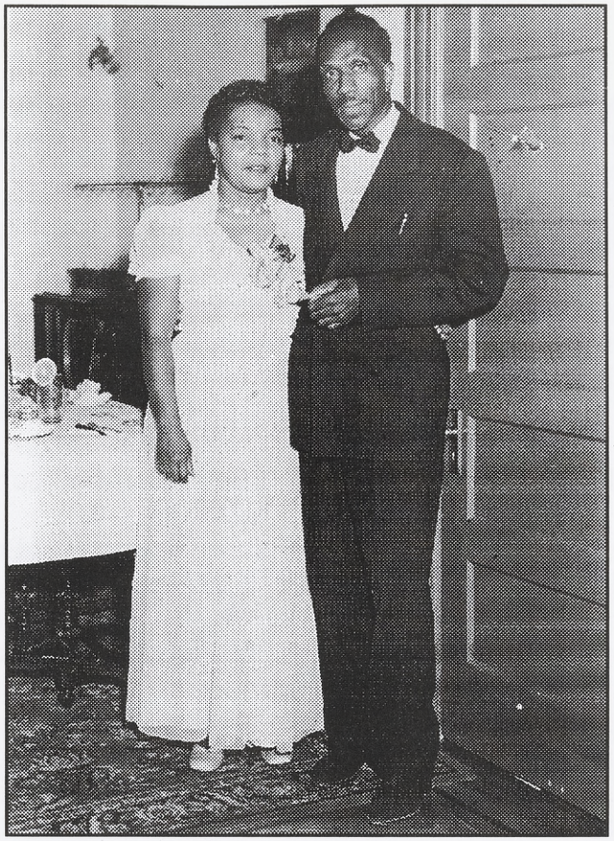
Service Held

Saturday, May 6, 2000
11:00 a.m.

SAN FRANCISCO CHRISTIAN CENTER
5825 Mission Street
San Francisco, California

Bishop Donald Green, Pastor

Bishop W. W. Hamilton, Officiating



"Celebrating Their Wedding Anniversary – 1954"

Footprints

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonged to him, and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it. "LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The LORD replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

OBITUARY

Floyd Wesley Timothy John Cotton, was born in San Augustine, Texas to Gus and Sarah Cotton on September 28, 1908. Some years later, he met Lena Joanna Phillips who introduced him to Christ at an early age. They were married on August 24, 1925 and were blessed with four children: Lena Mae, Floyd Jr., Gussie Mae and Mary Oneatha. The family moved to California in 1944. The big city and bright lights resulted in unexpected changes and experiences in his life. By 1949, a now, backslidden Floyd Cotton was stricken with tuberculosis in both lungs. One evening, while laying in his hospital room at San Francisco General Hospital, he heard a radio broadcast from the Prayer Garden Church of God in Christ. The voice of the late Bishop Milton Mathis rang out powerfully with a "life-changing message" of hope and deliverance! That day, in the year 1949...Floyd Cotton repented of his sins and vowed to walk with God until he called him home, whether God healed him or not. God knew he would keep his vow. That day, deliverance from sin and tuberculosis had come in power.

After his discharge from the hospital, he became a member of Emanuel Church of God in Christ, under the leadership of the late Bishop E. E. Hamilton. Bishop Hamilton would lead, instruct and encourage him through his early ministry and for years to come. Bishop E. E. Hamilton would be a profound inspiration in the plan that God was about to develop in his life. A "special" ministry would soon become an important part of his life. God was directing him to visit and comfort those who were sick and shut-in and confined to hospitals and nursing homes. He would later be known as the "HOSPITAL PREACHER." This ministry would be a source of encouragement and hope to people of all cultures and denominations.

In 1956, God moved on Elder Cotton to open a church at 5145 Third Street in San Francisco. This was the beginning of the Faith Temple Church of God in Christ. With the help of God and the faithful members who worked and prayed so hard, God surely blessed their labor. The membership began to outgrow the little church on Third Street and in 1958, he purchased land to build God a house. In 1959, blueprints were drawn and plans for the new building were on the way.

Although Pastor Cotton was told by "on-lookers" that he would never complete the building...on Sunday, September 3, 1961, Pastor Cotton and the loving members of Faith Temple marched into a brand new building singing..."We've Come This Far By Faith, Leaning On the Lord." Pastor Cotton was the third Church of God in Christ Pastor, to build a church in San Francisco. Since then, many have come to Christ through his 44 years of leadership and ministry. God has raised up missionaries, preachers, pastors, evangelists, District and State leaders through this great man of God. He was appointed to the position of District Supt. of the Greater Emanuel District in 1962 and served 25 faithful years. He has served California Northwest Jurisdiction on the Executive Board, Advisory Board, Board of Trustees and as a Special Assistant to Bishop W. W. Hamilton. Supt. F. W. Cotton was an example of a "HOLY MAN" to those who knew him. Of all the service he gladly gave, his greatest joy came in Pastoring the Faith Temple Church of God in Christ Family. He loved them as he loved his own children and, in fact, they were ALL his children. His life and legacy will live on for generations to come.

He leaves to cherish his memory, four daughters: District Missionary Lena Willis of Pacifica, Sister Mary Fail of San Francisco, Missionary Mary Ann Peace of South San Francisco, and Missionary Queen Watson of Oakland; three sons-in-law: Elder James Willis, Deacon Joseph Peace and Deacon Mack Watson; 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and the Faith Temple family.

HOME GOING ORDER OF SERVICE

Superintendent Floyd W. Cotton

(Bishop J. W. Macklin, MC)

Processional.....

(The Bishop & Admin. Asst, Executive Brd.,Supts, Pastors, Elder, Ministers, Pallbears, & Family)

Musical Selection .....Elder C. Bryant, Min. of Music & Area Choir

Invocation .....Supt. James Rice, Chairman of Supt. Board

Scripture:

Old Testament .....Supt. L. Rollins (Psalms 41:1-3)

New Testament .....Supt L. A. Larkins (Romans 8:1-4)

Musical Selection .....Elder C. Bryant, Min. of Music & Area Choir

Special Remarks:

Local Representative .....Missionary Queen Watson

District Representative .....District Supt. J. W. Williams

State Representative .....Adm. Asst. J. A. Jennings

Musical Selection .....Elder C. Bryant, Min. of Music & Area Choir

Special Remarks:

Reverend Regie L. Cotton .....Family Representative

Superintendant A.C. Macklin, ...Clergy Representative

Missionary A.M. Williams .....District Missionary

Mother Louise Perrodin .....State Supervisor

Acknowledgment of Condolences .....Mother Cecilia Campbell

Musical Selection .....Missionary Para Lee Rollins

Resolutions & Tributes:

Local .....Missionary Shirley Sanders

District .....Missionary Victorica Houston

State .....Dr. E. J. O'Neal, The Exec. Secy.

Reading of Obituary .....(Please Read Silently)

The Sermonic Rendition.....Pastor G. E. Harris, Chief Adjutant

Eulogy .....Bishop W.W. Hamilton

Jurisdictional Prelate of California Northwest

The Closing Prayer .....(The Eulogist)

Parting View/Recessional .....Bayview Mortuary Staff

(This service continues at Sky Lawn Memorial Park, for Interment.)

Job 14 - 15 Corinthians

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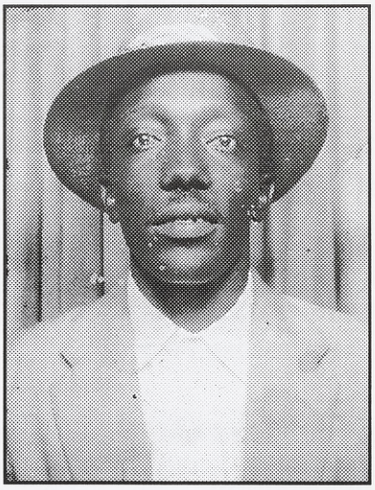

PALLBEARERS

Elder Donald Britton
Elder Kenneth Parmer
Deacon Henry Sanders

Elder Kenneth Baker
Elder Darryl Christmas
Brother Jesse Parmer

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Superintendent Cotton wish to acknowledge with great and sincere appreciation the generous out pouring of sympathy and warm consolation we have received from our many friends. You have lifted our hearts and made our burden easier to bear. May God continue to bless and keep you.

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